

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

17 February 1956

Present

Members: John Lacey, State  
John Shearer, Navy  
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

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1. The 65th meeting convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 64th meeting were approved.

2. Continuation of the Report and Recommendations to the FLP Committee.

There was a discussion as to what was the significance of these recommendations, at which time the Chairman again stated that they were merely a draft of what ought to be done and not what is being done.

Maj. Neumann felt that the draft was neither fish nor fowl, that it should be either expanded to include everything being done by other agencies or better yet, limited to recommendations on FDD.

Mr. Lacey remarked that the recommendations imply that AID ought to completely terminate its operations in certain subject fields.

The Chairman replied that the purpose is to try to obtain an outline of what AID should do.

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commented that their electric power people felt that that subject is particularly well adapted to contract exploitation. If they asked FDD to send out on contract exploitation certain economic and political publications, this could thus service the requirements of other agencies as well.

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The Chairman added that that is essentially the point of Tab B as opposed to Tab A.

Maj. Neumann stated that the Air Force position is that AID is not a common service activity and is not responsive to requirements other than those of Air Force, hence it will continue to function in such fields as the Air Force feels are appropriate from time to time. Furthermore, he felt that he did not have the authority as a Subcommittee member to approve recommendations allocating manpower or activities of a similar nature in other government departments.

Mr. Lacey suggested that in lieu of incorporating activities other than FDD, we might at the outset of each of these areas briefly note that there are certain activities exploiting foreign-language materials whose product is available to the intelligence community, such as AID, the Joint Press Reading Service (JPRS), and FBIS, which is also a source of exploitation for the IAC. Having noted that these sources are available, and perhaps noting also the general type of language material which is being or not being exploited, then set forth what FDD as a service of common concern is asked to do to cut into the remaining unexploited literature with its present manpower facilities and in terms of what its end consumers want of it. Mr. Lacey thought it would be important to have at least a "capsulated" statement of the facilities and then the recommendations would represent the considered judgment as to how FDD can as a service of common concern try to fill the gap between what we do have available throughout the IAC and what could be done in the terms of exploited documents.

As there was general concurrence to this approach the Chairman stated that a redraft will be made of each of the areas of Tab A for the next meeting.

Mr. Lacey suggested in the case of the USSR that reference be made to the JPRS, since there had been general agreement that the product of JPRS was of general utility.

Maj. Neumann stated that Air Force felt that certain subject areas were not covered at all.

The Chairman suggested that a copy of the "Exploitation Review" be attached as Tab C. The general consensus, however, seemed to be that this would be too bulky and that Mr. Lacey's "capsulated" suggestion would be preferable.

The Chairman stated that he will try a redraft on the basis of this discussion and noted that the column headed "exploitation facilities" would be deleted.

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Attention was turned to Tab A scientific portion and the Chairman asked the members to see if these represent the requirements of their agencies and were these their recommendations as to how the FDD manpower should be used. He added that, basically, he thought the Air Force's point was that this is the wrong method of approach and that there should be specific journals abstracted from cover to cover.

Maj. Neumann agreed this was true, based on Air's requirements. And, he added, if this approach is used, as Capt. Colville stated in the last meeting, Air will have to limit its own abstracting and/or cease distribution of periodical abstracts it does produce.

The Chairman remarked then that Air's requirements are for cover-to-cover abstracting of selected journals. Air Force would like to have included in Tab A approximately 30 Soviet scientific journals which would cover their over-all requirements in the scientific portion.

Mr. Lacey asked how many bodies listed in Tab A are bodies that were formerly in the joint ATIC/AID/FDD effort.

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The Chairman then asked with these added requirements how much manpower it would take. ██████████ answered approximately 6 people.

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██████████ remarked that the list of scientific and technical journals of June 1954 was purely an exploratory one and should be revised.

Maj. Neumann then turned to Tab B and stated that Air felt that the Subcommittee has done an excellent survey of identifying requirements which FDD is unable to satisfy. This should be presented to the FLP Committee as a statement of the consolidated requirements without manpower figures and that should be as far as we should go. It is Air's feeling that if we present these requirements to the parent committee and then in turn to the DCI, he could ask FDD what they require to satisfy these requirements and at that time the number of bodies should be stated. Air does not feel they should approve specific recommendations on manpower. If the Tab is submitted as it now stands Air would like to approve it as far as the requirements are concerned.

The Chairman stated that the aim is to insert the amount of funds estimated to accomplish this work by external contract so as to give the parent committee an idea of the costs involved. As a guide to the Subcommittee the estimated manpower had been inserted in this draft so as to facilitate any changes from Tab B to Tab A.

Maj. Neumann, however, felt that as any figures were FDD estimates and as he was not in a position to determine in detail the amount of work involved in answering the requirements of other agencies, he could not approve the recommending of any figures.

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After some discussion it was agreed to insert an introduction to Tab B which would state that figures expressed represent estimates by FDD only.

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[redacted] expressed the feeling that his people were unwilling to approve any recommendation to the parent Committee that did not set forth the facts. He mentioned that in the drafted transmittal it was only implied that there were irreconcilable points of view. These differing points of view should be explicitly stated.

The Chairman stated that since the Subcommittee was in agreement on this point, the recommendations will be rewritten to express the situation. He then asked for State Department's comments on the scientific portion of Tabs A and B.

Mr. Lacey remarked that State had no comments as an end user. Their primary concern is the extent to which the fulfillment of scientific and technical requirements involves manpower that might be utilized elsewhere. Tab A is a very modest statement of what scientific and technical coverage would require. It would seem a reasonable allocation. Tab B with its proposed 40 some bodies struck Mr. Lacey as a disproportionate allocation of manpower in terms of other subjects of IAC interest.

Mr. Shearer speaking for Navy stated that, as a non-contributor, Navy feels its statement should be a limited one of satisfaction with the existing program and that Navy should not make any criticism or even suggest any changes. The list of needs which Mr. Hudson presented a few weeks ago is Navy's requirements if they can be satisfied. This list was drawn up with the periodicals in mind.

The Chairman asked if all of Navy's requirements were covered.

Mr. Shearer answered that he was not able to obtain such a statement. Mr. Hudson listed priorities within Tab A but did not give him a statement as to whether they covered all of Navy's requirements. Again, Mr. Hudson's attitude was that as Navy is a non-contributor they are not in a position to ask for additional requirements. The Committee felt that Mr. Hudson should be advised that it makes no difference whether Navy is a contributor or not and that the Committee would like to have a statement of Navy's requirements. Mr. Shearer stated that if appropriate, an elaboration of these requirements will be submitted.

3. The Chairman concluded that at the next meeting we will continue with the scientific portions of Tabs A and B. Upon completion of this we will go to the USSR non-scientific.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1545 hours. The next meeting will be held 2 March 1956 at 1400 hours in Room 2125 M Building.